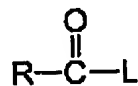


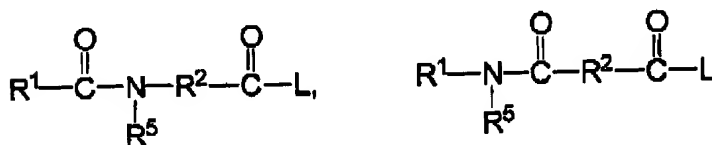
5. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said bleaching solution comprises hydrogen peroxide and a hydrophobic bleach activator selected from the group consisting of:

a) a bleach activator of the general formula:



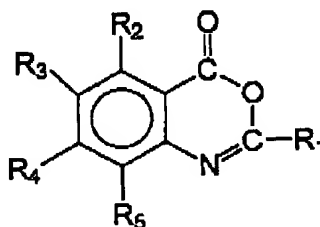
wherein R is an alkyl chain having from about 6 to about 18 carbon atoms and L is a leaving group;

b) a bleach activator of the general formula:



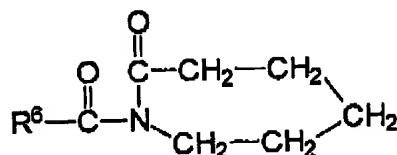
or mixtures thereof, wherein R^1 is an alkyl, aryl, or alkaryl group containing from about 1 to about 14 carbon atoms, R^2 is an alkylene, arylene or alkarylene group containing from about 1 to about 14 carbon atoms, R^5 is H or an alkyl, aryl, or alkaryl group containing from about 1 to about 10 carbon atoms, and L is a leaving group;

c) a benzoxazin-type bleach activator of the formula:



wherein R_1 is H, alkyl, alkaryl, aryl, or arylalkyl, and wherein R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 may be the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, amino, alkylamino, $-\text{COOR}_6$, wherein R_6 is H or an alkyl group, and carbonyl;

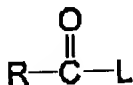
- d) a N-acyl caprolactam bleach activator of the formula:



wherein R^6 is H or an alkyl, aryl, alkoxyaryl, or alkaryl group containing from 1 to 12 carbons; and

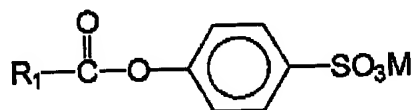
- e) mixtures of a, b, c and d.

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 5 wherein said hydrophobic bleach activator is a bleach activator selected from the general formula:



wherein R is an alkyl chain having from about 7 to about 12 carbon atoms and L is a leaving group, the conjugate acid of which has a pK_a from about 4 to about 13.

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said bleach activator is an alkanoyloxybenzenesulfonate of the formula:



wherein R_1 is an alkyl group having from about 8 to about 11 carbon atoms and M is a suitable cation.

11. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said textile component remains in contact with said bleaching solution for from about 15 to about 180 minutes.

a⁶ 17. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 14 wherein said treated textile component experiences a fluidity increase of less than about 25%.

20. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 19 further comprising the step of de-sizing and said non-finished textile component prior to contact with said bleaching solution.

21. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said curing step is a heat curing and said heat curing is carried out at a temperature of from about 250°F to about 325°F.

a⁷ 22. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said textile is immersed in said treatment solution to provide a pick up, on weight of fabric, of at least about 3% formaldehyde, at least about 1% catalyst and at least 1% silicone elastomer forming material.

23. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said catalyst comprises magnesium chloride and citric acid.